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## NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCKS

A group of kids gaze at a large Lego display at the Halifax Central Library on Wednesday. The creation is all about Halifax, from the new library and Public Gardens, to city hall and Quinpool Road. Full story in [metroNEWS](#). JEFF HARPER/METRO

## Snow job concerns

WEATHER

### Delay of plow contracts may lead to winter woes: Official



**Stephanie Taylor**  
Metro | Halifax

HRM's superintendent of winter operations is "fairly concerned" with a decision to delay approving a series of snow-clearing contracts, pending a debate on standards scheduled for next month.

Darrin Natolino told reporters after Wednesday's audit and finance standing committee meeting that the reason for tendering out four snow removal contracts in areas such as Lower Sackville and Herring Cove now, and not later, is a matter of timing.

"Any plowing operation isn't simply a matter of putting a truck on the road and saying, 'Go,'" he

said, adding that Wednesday's delay could "potentially impact services" come winter.

Natolino explained that companies — in this case, bidders Ocean Contractors and Dexter Construction — depend on these pre-winter months to prepare, secure equipment and train staff — not to mention conduct dry runs.

"The last thing you want is a plow operator out on the road for the first time when everything's covered in snow," Natolino said.

However, the committee voted to defer the matter, chastising staff for bringing forward the contracts without any council discussion and prior to the completion of an outside review of snow clearing practices.

"We need to have some input," Mayor Mike Savage said. "We need to make sure that we have some assurance that we're doing everything we possibly can to avoid some of the issues we had last year."

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The Bluenose II was in port in Halifax and open to the public for free on Wednesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# Bluenose II is making waves

## HALIFAX HARBOUR

**The iconic ship is scheduled to start sailing tours Sunday**

**Heide Pearson**  
For Metro | Halifax

For Bluenose II captain Phil Watson, sailing the schooner into the Halifax Harbour on Tuesday evening was like Christmas in July.

"It's awesome," Watson said Wednesday morning. "It's like Christmas morning, times 1,000."

Tuesday was the first time the Bluenose II sailed into Halifax Harbour since it started undergoing lengthy repairs back in 2009.

There had been major delays in the vessel's relaunch, and re-



The Bluenose II sits docked in port next to the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic on Wednesday.

JEFF HARPER/METRO

pairs went terribly over budget, but during a public opening of the boat Wednesday, all the trouble seemed worth it.

"I've always wanted to see it — just amazing," said Ed Kovacs, who was visiting from Ontario with his family.

"It brings a tear to the eye

just to see this thing."

Whitney and Shaun Clark were visiting Halifax from New Hampshire on their honeymoon, and decided to tour the Bluenose II.

"It's amazing," Whitney said. "It's cool to be part of the relaunch."

"It's really majestic. I mean, we watched it come in yesterday, and we didn't know we were actually seeing something that hadn't happened in a while so it's very nice," Shaun said.

The schooner will head back to its homeport Lunenburg on Friday, and is scheduled to begin

## + HISTORY

Extensive repairs on the Bluenose II started in 2009.

The Bluenose II was relaunched in 2012; however, due to repairs not being completed, it was pulled from the water again for more work.

There were many setbacks in the schedule and increases in costs, putting

the relaunch of the schooner at more than two years behind schedule, and about \$2 million over budget.

The province of Nova Scotia took ownership of the vessel in 2014.

Repairs finally completed, the Bluenose II was relaunched this past weekend in Lunenburg.

sailing tours Sunday.

Cpt. Watson hopes to recreate some of the Bluenose II's history.

"You've got this tremendous thing that you're given as a caretaker of, and to have that honour and to get to use it and sail it and try and teach people what it was like in the 1920s and '30s," he said.

For members of the crew, being a part of the relaunch of the Bluenose II is well worth the hard work and training.

"There's very few kind of opportunities to have this style of work and this style of life, so it's really, really impressive; it's really cool," deck hand Ellen McLaren said.

McLaren and the rest of the crew went through extensive training before setting off to sea, including marine emergency duties, first aid training and setting and trimming the sails.

They all live on the vessel as it tours around the province.



# Council wants clarity on snow-clearing contracts

## DEBATE

## City committee votes to defer tender approvals



**Stephanie Taylor**  
Metro | Halifax

City staff were in the hot seat Wednesday as councillors voiced a slew of frustrations after \$47-million worth of snow-clearing contracts were presented for their approval, arguing the timing ignored council's much-needed oversight.

Initially, staff recommended Halifax Regional Municipality's audit and finance standing committee award bidders Dexter Construction and Ocean Contractors with four performance-based, multi-million-dollar contracts for snow removal on streets in areas such as Bedford and Lower Sackville.

That would result in a \$6-million hit to the municipality's snow budget, since the tender prices rose as a result of new routes being added to the multi-year contracts and their work season extending from 22 to 28 weeks, according to a report.

Green-lighting such an increase less than three months after council approved this



Front-end loaders work to clear snow on Hollis Street in March. JEFF HARPER/METRO

year's snow budget at a status quo of around \$21 million was just one of the red flags raised by Coun. Steve Craig.

"There was no forewarning that this was coming," he told Wednesday's committee.

Craig also expressed concerns the tenders were to be awarded without a fulsome debate of the municipality's



**I feel vindicated that I did not vote for a budget that included a 3.2 increase (in taxes) and not one bloody cent more in the snow removal.** Coun. Tim Outhit

snow-clearing practices and standards, not to mention the completion of an exter-

nal operational review, which is to be discussed in several weeks.

"Council absolutely indicated that they were to be involved. Anybody who suggests otherwise just wasn't listening," he said afterwards.

Councillors Linda Mosher, Wayne Mason and Tim Outhit also argued any information on potential changes to snow removal and the subsequent budget impacts should have been discussed months earlier, after multiple report requests were made and questions were asked.

"Standards have to come before the operational part," Mason said Wednesday.

Without having a full review on the municipality's best practices, Mosher said the city is "being asked to tie our hands to two- and four-year contracts."

Taso Koutroulakis, acting manager of road operations, told the committee that language in the contracts states performance standards can be renegotiated as service requirements change.

In terms of timing, he said, existing contracts for the areas had expired and needed to be tendered out immediately, since companies require four to six months to prepare equipment and staff.

Still, Wednesday's committee ultimately voted to defer the tender approvals, following a full debate on snow-clearing practices, currently scheduled for Aug. 4.

## HOUSING

## Program aims to help city's homeless

The city is looking to partner with the United Way to help provide homes to those residents most in need.

On Wednesday, HRM's audit and finance standing committee voiced its support for offering \$25,000 in annual funding for the next four years as requested by the United Way to go toward its housing first program.

The program aims to assist people who are chronically homeless by pairing them with case managers and clinical staff, as well as provide them with special housing which offers them access to a larger support network, according to a staff report.

Mayor Mike Savage told Wednesday's committee that although the municipality does not have the financial or human resources to dedicate to the problem of homelessness, it is an issue that needs support in the community, nonetheless.

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# \$970K

Staff also clarify the money is part of an overall \$970,000 budget for the project, and only accounts for the assessment and evaluation component of the program.

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# Lego artist recreates city's most iconic buildings, piece by piece

## DISPLAY

### Library show has working train, windmill

**Heide Pearson**  
Metro | Halifax

Imagine Oxford Theatre, Halifax City Hall and even the new Halifax Central Library, all miniature, and made of Lego blocks.

That's just what Gail Meagher did.

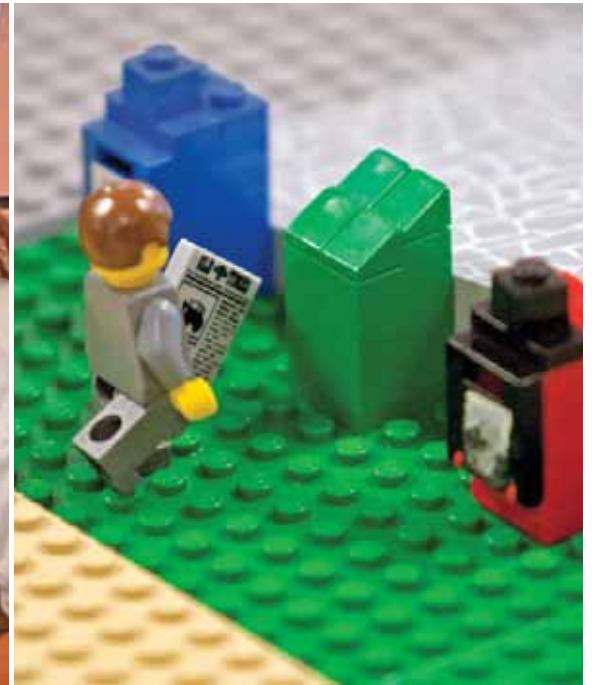
Meagher has loved Lego since she was a child, and started building Lego models of Halifax buildings more than 13 years ago. Her biggest display yet is currently on display at the Halifax Central Library.

"I'm just inspired by the buildings that I see when I'm out and about, so I walk by something and then I think, 'I have a Lego piece that could build that,'" Meagher said Wednesday, surrounded by her masterpieces.

The display has a functioning railway, spinning



Gail Meagher adjusts a piece of her large Lego display at the Halifax Central Library on Wednesday. Gail Meagher's attention to detail even includes a green Metro newspaper box. JEFF HARPER/METRO



## + EVENT

You can catch the Lego city at the Halifax Central Library on Spring Garden Road until Sunday.

windmill, and Lego people, or "mini-figs" representing different city folk, as well as Batman and Wonder Woman.

"I like to have lots of little details that you don't notice at first," she said.

Meagher's favourite surprise detail? A little bit of dog poop next to a fire hydrant.

People of all ages were

**It's when you take a closer look and look at all the details that people are really drawn in.**

Gail Meagher

checking out Lego Halifax on Wednesday.

"I think it's really cool, like, that would take a lot of patience," said Jackson Davis. "I

really like how they recreated the library."

Some of Meagher's Lego sets are used in unique ways, like a Yoda set that now makes up

the green roofs of the Princess Lodge and City Hall.

Meagher said people always ask how many blocks she uses on buildings, so while building the new library last fall she tried to keep count. She thinks she used 11,601 blocks, and spent nearly two months planning and building it.

Her first Halifax buildings

were the seven-sided Scotia-bank on Robie Street and Coburg Road, and the Princess Lodge in Bedford, which is her favourite.

"The great thing about Lego is that if you do make a mistake or you're not happy with something you just take it apart and reuse the parts," Meagher said.



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# Transit ferry docked due to 'assessment'



The Christopher Stannix ferry. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Halifax Transit is still down one ferry due to the "ongoing mechanical assessment," of one of its vessels.

According to a release issued Wednesday, the city said transit staff conducted an assessment of the boat — Christopher Stannix — earlier this week, and determined that the ferry needed to be brought out of the water for further study.

The ferry is expected to

be out of service for several weeks, says the city.

In the meantime, the Woodside Ferry will be running on 30-minute service intervals, departing from the Woodside terminal on the :07 and :37 of the hour, and from the Halifax side terminal on the :22 and :52 of the hour.

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The sign for the returning office in Dartmouth South. Only 38 per cent of eligible voters in the riding cast their ballots in Tuesday's byelection. JEFF HARPER/METRO

## Low turnout spurs voting reform ideas

## BYELECTIONS

### Premier floats use of ranked ballot system

Nova Scotia's premier floated the idea of a ranked ballot voting system Wednesday as one possible method of encouraging voters after a dismal turnout in provincial byelections on Tuesday.

Stephen McNeil said the system — also favoured by federal Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau — is an electoral reform he'll explore in light of a continuing downward spiral in voter turnout in the province.

The system allows voters to rank their first, second, third and subsequent choices. If no candidate receives an absolute majority on the first ballot, the last-place candidate is eliminated and his or her supporters' second-choice votes are counted. That continues until one candidate receives more than 50 per cent.

"I like the idea of a preferential ballot," McNeil told reporters. "I think people are looking for ... ways to deliver elections differently to Nova Scotians, to engage them."

However, McNeil said he isn't committing to bringing in the idea in this mandate, and would consult with opposition parties before taking any action.

In the riding of Dartmouth South, only 38 per cent of eligible voters cast a ballot in a contest that saw the winning NDP candidate, Marian Mancini, win by a narrow 82-vote margin over the Liberal candidate.

Turnout was better in Cape Breton Centre, with 47 per cent of the electorate turning out, while 49 per cent of voters took the time to vote in Sydney-Whitney Pier. The Liberals won both of those seats.

McNeil said he's concerned by cases where candidates win in a first-past-the-post system with less than 50 per cent of the total vote during a poor turnout.

He said there are also possible changes that might improve turnout such as changing the locations of polling stations or allowing on-line voting.

"People need to feel there is a reason why they're participating. It's concerning that voter turnout is going down. It's been going down in every election I've been in," he said.

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# Diver dies when gear tangles up

## WORKPLACE FATALITY

### Labour probe underway at Nova Scotia Power dam

A 39-year-old diver from Dartmouth has died, after he became trapped underwater at the Nova Scotia Power dam near Annapolis Royal on Wednesday.

The diver became tangled in his gear while underwater, Annapolis Royal Police Chief Burt McNeil said. Emergency personnel were called after losing contact with the diver. His remains were recovered mid-afternoon.

McNeil said the man had been working underwater for about 90 minutes when he ran into trouble. He was wearing high-tech equipment at the time,

including a video camera that was transmitting to the surface, quickly alerting the surface crew that there was a problem.

An autopsy is planned for Thursday.

"My understanding is that he was down working on the gates and he became tangled up in something on the gate, and during that process, they lost voice communication with him," McNeil told reporters. "The standby diver went down and untangled him and brought him up.... People worked on him for about 25 minutes, but he was pronounced deceased."

Rescuers had to battle the fierce Fundy tide, which was coming in during the effort.

The investigation was turned over the provincial Department of Labour. Occupational Health and Safety personnel were on scene late in the day. TC MEDIA

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# 'We want to make sure that everybody feels comfortable'

LGBTQ

## Halifax Pride aims to be even more inclusive



**Zane Woodford**  
Metro | Halifax

Get out your chaps, hang that rainbow flag and dust off your dancing shoes: Canada's fourth-largest Pride festival is back for its 28th year.

Though Halifax Pride will last its usual 11 days, one of the organizers said Wednesday it's going to be more action-packed than in the past.

"We've tried to add a bit of different programming as far as official events go," Heather Green said.

She points to events such as the first annual Butch Pageant at Reflections on Saturday night — the first time Pride has had an official launch event — and the first annual Heritage Gathering on Gottingen Street.

That event will shut down the street between Cornwallis and Cunard streets from 3 to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

"It took us a while to convince the city, but we finally got them to shut down the street after the Dykes vs. Divas softball game," Green said, adding that it took calling Mayor Mike Savage directly to make that happen.



Organizer Heather Green holds a Pride flag Wednesday. This year's festival is putting more emphasis on education and inclusivity, according to Green. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Green said yearly events such as the Pride Parade and the closing event, Wet Spot, are always big hits as well.

This year, festival organizers are also putting an emphasis on education.

There's a screening of the documentary Times of Harvey

Milk, with a speech from Milk's nephew beforehand; lunch and learning on LGBTQ health and gender identity; and a candlelight vigil to "honour those who have passed."

"I think in the past we've kind of gotten caught up in just celebrating, instead of also being

political, and also supporting members in our community that are still slighted by government agencies and slighted even by Pride in general," Green said.

"We want to make sure that we pay attention, and don't lose sight of the fact that there are members of our community who

are still struggling."

That means being more inclusive of groups such as transgender, two-spirited and asexual Haligonians.

"We did our best to make sure that there are gender-neutral washrooms in the places that we are having our major events,"

Green said.

"We want to make sure that everybody feels comfortable coming."

"We kind of really hunkered down this year and paid attention to those things because our community has been calling for us to do that, anyway."

## Five events not to miss at Halifax Pride 2015



**Cosmic Drag Queen Bingo** kicks off Friday at 10 p.m. at the Halifax Forum.

The 19-plus event is a "sequin-and-feather-filled roller-coaster ride you won't soon forget," featuring some of the city's best drag kings and queens, in support of Laing House.

For \$15 you get four games with three cards, and \$25 gets you four games with six cards.



Get out your rainbow gear for the main event: The **Halifax Pride Parade** will hit the streets of downtown Halifax next Saturday at 1 p.m.

The route will take the Pride vibes down Lower Water Street to Barrington Street, then Spring Garden Road to South Park Street, "all while celebrating the diversity and variety of life" in Halifax.



The second annual **Out Best in Show dog show**, hosted by drag queen Contessa at Jolly Tails, is Saturday at 1 p.m. at 3484 Intercolonial St., with categories ranging from dopest doggy hairdo and most fabulous duo to the grand prize, best in show. Jolly Tails owner Tristan Flynn will judge the competition along with Global's Alex Haider and city Coun. Darren Fisher. You can enter your fabulous pooch at jollytails.ca.



Batter up! The annual **Dykes vs. Divas softball game** will hit the Halifax Commons on Sunday at 1 p.m.

Pride organizers say the spectacle is full of "feats of sporting prowess, often performed in heels and gowns."

Hosted by the East Coast Rainbow Softball Association and Halifax Pride, the free game will feature entertainment all afternoon, with refreshments on site.



Whether you'd say it's in Halifax or Dartmouth, Pride winds down at Sullivan's Pond next Sunday at noon with the **Halifax Pride Family Picnic**.

Bring the family, a picnic basket and your best rainbow blanket and hang out in the park. Pride will supply entertainment and refreshments.





Rachel Sermanni and Tom Terrell play at a house concert in Bedford on July 9. ALY THOMSON/METRO

# Making music a li'l more intimate

## BACKSTAGE PASS

### House concerts let fans get up close and personal

Aly Thomson  
Metro | Halifax

On a humid July evening in a cool basement, Scottish singer-songwriter Rachel Sermanni's sound check can barely be heard over the sound of jovial conversation wafting from Scott Smith's kitchen.

Soon, the guests will make their way downstairs in the Bedford home, beer and wine in hand, where 40 white lawn chairs have been set up in front of a homemade stage.

There's no doorman or bartender, but for the night, Smith's basement has become a cozy music venue, offering attendees a virtually private Sermanni show.

House concerts are becoming more popular in the region, with everyone from Matt Minglewood to Ron Hynes and Charlie A'Court picking up gigs inside Halifax-area homes.

The homeowners, who open their doors to strangers and friends alike, offer an intimate listening experience that's often lost inside a bustling pub or theatre.

"They're extremely intense," said Sermanni, sipping a local beer just before her show as guests made their way to their seats in the small carpeted room.

"You're exposed in a different way. You're a human,

whereas in other circumstances, you are a performer on a stage.

"You're given the extra test of being your own self, of being an awkward person with a bunch of awkward people in an awkward room. But I don't want that to sound negative. It is vulnerability. It's an environment that you can only be vulnerable in."

Sermanni, who recently released a new album called *Tied to the Moon*, stands at the front of the room barefoot and strums her guitar.

Even from the back row, you can see all of her subtle movements — the way her eyes gently close when hitting high notes, her impressive finger picking.

House concerts are not new. But it's a growing trend in Halifax, due in part to fewer opportunities for artists to play in traditional venues, said singer-songwriter Shannon Quinn.

"There's not as many venues now that you can have an attentive listening crowd," said Quinn, whose new album *If All The Young Ladies* could redefine modern Celtic folk music the way the Rankin Family did in the early 1990s.

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**House concerts are more intimate and a little more raw.**

Rachel Sermanni

Even at first listen, the album feels like a security blanket, an album to feel nourished and proud to be a Maritimer.

"You develop more loyal

## + BACKGROUND

### Upcoming Halifax-area house concerts

**July 30:** Shannon Quinn with Tony Quinn, By the Bay Bed and Breakfast, \$20  
**Sept. 19:** Erin Costello with the Blue Engine String Quartet, Patchwork House Concerts, Bedford, \$30

**Sept. 25:** Port Cities (Dylan Guthro, Breagh Mackinnon, Carleton Stone), Bedford House Concerts, SOLD OUT

**Nov. 20:** Ron Hynes, Bedford House Concerts, tickets not yet on sale

**Dec. 11:** Thom Swift, Bedford House Concerts, tickets not yet on sale

fans that way because they're interacting with you in a more intimate setting."

Quinn is planning a month-long house concert tour for early next year in support of *If All The Young Ladies*.

It can be lucrative, especially for emerging artists. For example, all proceeds of Smith's ticket sales go directly to the artist. At roughly \$20 a ticket, depending on the show, that's an \$800 gig.

Smith, who hosts monthly concerts in his Bedford home from September to May, said he's watched as his basement has filled up over the past two years. He says sometimes people are hesitant at first to see a show at a stranger's house. "But after they've been here one time, chances are they will come back.

"It's a unique way to listen to music."

## COUNTRY MUSIC

# Dean Brody gets 6 CCMA nods

Dean Brody of Nova Scotia and Gord Bamford have reeled in a leading six nominations each for this year's Canadian Country Music Association Awards.

Both men will vie for male artist of the year, fans' choice, single of the year, songwriter of the year and video of the year.

Brody also earned consideration for album of the year, the category he won last year.

Brett Kissel of Flat Lake, Alta., and Dallas Smith of Langley, B.C., were close be-

hind with four nominations apiece, including mutual nods for male artist and single of the year.

Three nominations each were doled out to Tim Hicks, High Valley and last year's female artist of the year winner Jess Moskaluke. They will all compete for album of the year alongside Brody and Smith.

Jason Blaine also earned a trio of nominations.

The CCMA's will be broadcast from Halifax on CBC-TV on Sept. 13.

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Dean Brody CONTRIBUTED

## HALIFAX WATER

# Utility workers to return on Friday

Halifax Water's unionized workers will be back on the job Friday.

The utility announced early Wednesday evening that it has "a comprehensive plan to smooth the transition back to work for more than 330 employees who have been off the job 58 days in a labour dispute."

Halifax Water's employees successfully voted on a new collective agreement Wednesday at a Dartmouth hotel. The utility's board approved the deal earlier this week.

Dave Dort of the Canadian Union of Public Employees told The Canadian Press most workers will be back Friday, while the remainder will return Monday.

Changes to employee pensions were the main challenge during the two-month-long work stoppage. Employees set up picket lines May 19, although their employer had already locked them

out at that point.

The agreement features adjustments to the pension plan that will see a decrease in benefits, with savings expected to amount to about \$20 million over 14 years, according to the news release, "to restore the pension fund to a healthy financial position."

It also includes annual wage increases over the five-year contract, retroactive to November, 2013.

"Employees have come through a difficult time, whether walking the picket line or crossing it to keep the utility in operation, and now they need to come together," Halifax Water general manager Carl Yates said in Wednesday's news release.

The utility has been operated by about 100 non-unionized staffers since the work stoppage began. KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE/METRO

## IN BRIEF

### Police searching grocery store after bomb threat

The Mounties are looking into a bomb threat called into a Halifax area grocery store late Wednesday afternoon.

Police officers responded to the Sobeys on Hammonds Plains Road at about 4:15 p.m., according to a Halifax RCMP news release.

A female with an accent called the store, "indicating there was a bomb inside," the release said.

The store was quickly evacuated and a police dog is currently helping officers search the building.

Anyone with information is asked to call police or Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477.

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Defector Orlando Sotolongo, left, with his silver medal teammates in quadruple sculls in St. Catharines. PETER POWER/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Cubans win silver, then defect to U.S.

## PAN AM GAMES

### 4 members of rowing team cross border after event

Four Cuban rowers have defected from the Pan American Games and travelled to the United States, their coach said Wednesday.

Liosmel Ramos and Wilber Turro dropped out before the regatta began on Saturday, while Manuel Suarez and Orlando Sotolongo competed in earlier races and then withdrew, said coach Juan Carlos Reyes. The four have

been in touch with teammates through Facebook, Reyes said.

The Games rowing venue in St. Catharines, Ont., is only a few kilometres from the U.S. border. Games officials said Wednesday morning that they weren't aware of the defections.

"I'm not aware of the specific point but we have a protocol that we would follow. This is something that is dealt with through our integrated security unit and if necessary, through the relevant national Olympic committee," said Games CEO Saad Rafi.

Cuban refugees can apply for permanent residence a year after being cleared that they have no criminal or prior immigration

**"We have a protocol that we would follow."**

Saad Rafi,  
Pan Am Games CEO

history, U.S. Customs and Border Protection said in a statement.

Before defecting, two of the rowers had won silver medals at the Pan Am Games: Sotolongo, 18, placed second in the men's quadruple sculls, as did Suarez, 25, in the men's coxless fours.

Turro, Ramos and Suarez won gold together in the men's light-

weight coxless four at the 2011 Pan Am Games in Mexico.

Dozens of athletes, many from Cuba, have defected during international sports events over the years.

Eight members of the Cuban delegation defected when Canada last hosted the Pan Am Games in 1999. When Winnipeg first staged the Games in 1967, a Cuban boxer defected shortly after winning a gold medal. Two players from the Cuban women's soccer team defected in 2011 after facing off with the Canadian team in Vancouver in an Olympic qualifying match. They reunited with relatives in the U.S.

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## SASKATCHEWAN

### Animals heading south to flee fires

The wildfires in northern Saskatchewan have been burning since late May, leaving forests charred and barren and forcing wildlife to find new homes.

Animals such as elk, deer, moose and bears have the instinct to get ahead of the forest fire before it's too late, Darrell Crabbe, executive director of the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation, told radio station CKOM.

They migrate to habitats that can provide them the food and shelter they need. In this case, many have been moving south.

"It does create those islands of habitat that will protect them," Crabbe said. "We usually get a high concentration of animals there, and it might take them the rest of the summer or fall before they can disperse out of there."

Crabbe said he's heard from people in Candle Lake, for example, who report a noticeable in-

crease in animals in the provincial park just south of the evacuation zone. He said there don't appear to be worries about predators, adding most are concerned about finding a safe spot to stay put.

Crabbe said he's concerned about at-risk species such as caribou, who live in "old forest" areas that are usually the first to burn. "They probably would make it out but I don't know where would they go from there, because there's not a lot of old forest left across Canada."

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**It might take them the rest of the summer ... before they can disperse.**

Darrell Crabbe

## OFFICIAL HONOURS

### Sovereign's medal to laud volunteers

A new official honour has been created to recognize Canadian volunteers.

The Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers will be awarded to those who have made a significant, sustained, unpaid contributions to their community.

The new honour replaces the existing Governor General's Caring Canadian Award, established in 1995 by then-governor general Romeo LeBlanc.

Governor General David Johnston announced the establishment of the new medal today, following its approval by the Queen. He says the medal will emphasize Canada's commitment to giving.

The last federal budget gave the governor general an additional \$2.8 million per year to

update Canada's existing honours system in a bid to bring it more into the modern era.

In addition to the new medal, the money is being spent on more proactive outreach around the other available honours, including the Order of Canada and Meritorious Service Decorations.

The Sovereign Medal itself will bear two intertwined hearts, symbolizing generosity and the action of caring, while its ribbon will incorporate the blue and gold colours of the prior governor general's award while adding a deep red colour to represent the sovereign.

Canadian and non-Canadians will be eligible if their contribution brings benefit or honour to Canadians or to Canada.

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## FIRST NATIONS

### PM Harper's absence 'a slap in the face'

Canada's premiers support the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's recommendations and will act on them with or without Ottawa's help, Newfoundland and Labrador Premier Paul Davis said Wednesday.

"We will together, jointly, make this happen," Davis told a news conference after hosting provincial and territorial leaders and the heads of five national native groups in Happy Valley-Goose Bay, N.L.

Davis said the provinces have not only pledged to act on the commission's 94 recommenda-

tions but, in some cases, have already started.

"They're important commitments that we need to follow up on." Otherwise, what Davis described as the commission's important work could be wasted, he said. Prime Minister Stephen Harper's long-standing absence from first ministers' meetings is a missed chance for collaboration, Davis said.

"We all believe that the federal government should be providing that leadership. In the absence of the federal government, instead of just letting it sit and wait, we're

going to take those steps."

Davis said Manitoba will host a second national roundtable on missing and murdered aboriginal women to follow up on last winter's event in Ottawa.

The RCMP has reported that almost 1,200 aboriginal women have been murdered or have vanished since 1980. The premiers made a united push last summer for a public inquiry into the issue but Ottawa has refused.

Dawn Lavell Harvard, president of the Native Women's Association of Canada, said she was pleased with Wednesday's meet-

ing despite what she called a lack of respect from Ottawa.

Violence against indigenous women and girls is "a grave violation of human rights," Lavell Harvard told the closing news conference. She lashed out at the federal government for not attending, saying it was "an insult to the memories of those women and girls" and "a slap in the face."

Assembly of First Nations National Chief Perry Bellegarde said Canada must close the quality-of-life chasm between aboriginal and non-aboriginal people.

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AFN National Chief Perry Bellegarde, right, said aboriginals' quality of life must be improved. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS



## Greek deal sparks riots

### BAILOUT

### Anti-austerity protesters hurl petrol bombs as debate kicks off

Rioters hurled petrol bombs at police who responded with tear gas as an anti-austerity demonstration outside parliament turned violent Wednesday, while Greek lawmakers began debating contentious measures needed to start negotiations on a new bailout and avoid financial collapse.

Groups of youths among the more than 12,000 protesters smashed storefronts and set at least one vehicle alight. The clashes were the first significant protest violence since the left-wing Syriza government came to power in January promising to repeal bailout austerity. Police said at least 50 people were detained.

The protest was timed to coincide with the start of debate on the bill, which includes consumer tax increases and pension reforms that will con-



Protesters march in front of the Greek parliament in Athens Wednesday as lawmakers began debating reforms needed to unlock a new eurozone bailout. LOUISA GOULIAMAKI/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

demn Greeks to years of more economic hardship.

The bill has fuelled anger among the governing left-wing Syriza party and led to a revolt by many party members against Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras, who has insisted the deal forged early Monday was

**“I don’t know if we did the right thing.”**  
Euclid Tsakalotos,  
Finance Minister

the best he could do to prevent Greece from crashing out of Europe’s joint currency.

“I must tell you, that Monday morning at 9:30, it was the most difficult day of my life. It was a decision that will weigh on me for the rest of my life,” said Finance Minister Euclid

Tsakalotos.

“I don’t know if we did the right thing. But I know we did something with the sense that we had no choice. Nothing was certain and nothing is,” he said as the debate kicked off.

Civil servants protested with a 24-hour strike that shut down state-run services across the country.

The bill is expected to pass with support from pro-European opposition parties.

Alternate Finance Minister Nadia Valavani resigned from her post, saying she could not vote in favour of the bill.

In a letter she sent to Tsipras on Monday, Valavani said she believed “dominant circles in Germany” were intent on “the full humiliation of the government and the country.”

Tsipras agreed to a deal after a marathon 17-hour eurozone summit that ended Monday morning.

It calls for Greece to pass new austerity measures in return for the start of negotiations on a third bailout worth about 85 billion euros (\$93 billion) in loans over three years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### NO WRITE-OFFS

German officials concede the IMF may be right in saying that Greece’s debt is too big to pay, no matter how many years it gets to pay it. Still, they exclude any write-offs. Here’s why:

1. It’s taxpayers’ money, and these are elected officials in a country where bailing out Greeks for previous profligacy is not popular.

2. The European Union treaty forbids countries from taking on each other’s debts.

3. Give one country a break, and others may wonder why they can’t have one, too.

4. Future eurozone governments may look at the debt writedown and feel less compelled to keep debt under control.

5. Since its first bailout in 2010, Greece has been promising reforms. Somehow it never quite gets done.

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### SPACE

## Scientists amazed at first close-ups of Pluto and moon

Scientists have released the first up-close images ever of Pluto and its big moon Charon. And they say they’re amazed.

The long-awaited images were unveiled Wednesday in Maryland, home to mission operations for NASA’s New Horizons spacecraft.

A zoom-in of Pluto reveals an icy range about as high as the Rockies. To the scientists’ great surprise, there are no impact craters. On Charon, deep troughs and canyons can be seen.

The images were collected as New Horizons swept within 12,400 kilometres of Pluto



This image provided by NASA on Wednesday shows a region near Pluto’s equator. NASA/JHUAPL/SWRI VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

on Tuesday, becoming Pluto’s first visitor in its 4.5 billion-year existence. Scientists didn’t

know until Tuesday night that the encounter was a success. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### NORWAY

## Fuel tanker crashes in tunnel

The trailer of a tanker truck with some 16,500 litres of fuel got loose Wednesday and crashed into a subsea tunnel wall, causing a huge explosion, Norwegian rescue officials said. No one was seriously hurt.

The tunnel has been closed to everyone except firefighters. More than 20 people were evacuated from the tunnel and a nearby house, police spokesman Joern Lasse Refsnes said.

He said three people were checked for smoke inhalation at a nearby hospital.

Rescue spokeswoman Magni Brandsoey said the truck driver was able to get out and call a rescue centre. It was not clear how the trailer got loose.

Truck driver Tore Myrestrand told local newspaper Firda he had problems with the brakes in the deepest part of the tunnel that goes 91 metres below

sea level.

He said he rushed to grab an emergency phone in the tunnel to have it closed immediately.

Photos posted on Norwegian media show a huge black billow of smoke in the mountainous area in western Norway.

The explosion happened in a 1,901-metre subsea tunnel linking two islands in the Sogn og Fjordane county.

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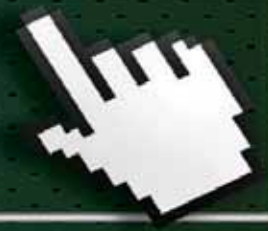
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## BoC cuts key interest rate

### FINANCE

### Loonie dives to post-recession low with rate reduction

The Bank of Canada cut its key interest rate on Wednesday, slashed its outlook for the economy and predicted a contraction in the second quarter due to

lower oil prices and slumping exports — but the central bank governor wouldn't describe the country's economic woes as a recession.

The bank cut its target for the overnight rate by a quarter of a percentage point to 0.5 per cent, sending the Canadian dollar plunging to a post-recession low.

The loonie was down more than a full U.S. cent Wednesday afternoon to levels not seen since March 2009, when Canada was in the midst of a deep recession.

At one point, Canada's dollar was worth about 77.29 cents US, down from the previous close, but had been even lower earlier in the day.

TD Canada Trust was the first of Canada's banks to respond, though it only passed part of the rate cut as it reduced its prime rate by a tenth of a percentage point to 2.75 per cent. Moves in the prime rate directly affect the amount charged on loans such as variable rate mortgages and floating rate lines of credit.



**It's not a true recession, since an employment decline hasn't joined in.**

Avery Shenfeld,  
CIBC chief economist

The central bank also explained its lower outlook for economic growth — from 1.9 per cent earlier this year to 1.1 per cent — is due to Canadian oil producers cutting their investment plans by close to 40 per cent this year, compared with an earlier estimate of about 30 per cent.

"It's not a true recession, since an employment decline hasn't joined in with the tumble in output measures, but the GDP decline opened a window for



Bank of Canada Senior Deputy Governor Carolyn Wilkins, left, looks on as Governor Stephen Poloz responds to a question during a news conference in Ottawa on Wednesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

a further ease by a dovishly inclined Bank of Canada governor," CIBC chief economist Avery Shenfeld said following the bank's announcement.

Slowing growth in China and non-resource exports faltering — a trend the bank described as "a puzzle that merits further study" — have also played a

part in Canada's economic difficulties.

Nonetheless, Bank of Canada governor Stephen Poloz said exports are expected to fuel growth in the second half of the year.

The rate cut marked the second time this year that the Bank of Canada has reduced its target for the overnight rate. By

slashing it, the central bank is hoping to jumpstart the economy by making it cheaper for consumers and companies to borrow money.

Economists had been split in their predictions about what the Bank of Canada would do, with most, but not all, calling for a rate cut. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### IN BRIEF

#### Amazon hits Prime target

Amazon aimed for Christmas in July with its much-hyped "Prime Day" sale. But some shoppers found a lump of coal instead. The online retailer said Prime Day would offer bigger sales than those during the winter holiday shopping season, but some Amazon customers were disappointed by Prime Day. Some thought the discounts weren't deep enough. Early data showed the promotion boosted sales, though. Amazon said by 1 p.m. on Wednesday, the speed with which customers were ordering had already surpassed 2014 Black Friday.

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## URBAN ETIQUETTE: ELLEN VANSTONE ON LITTERBUGS



### THE QUESTION

**While driving recently, I noticed people in the car ahead of me were throwing candy wrappers out the window. Was I right to draw attention to their anti-social behaviour?**

Dear Ellen,

While driving recently, I noticed people in the car ahead of me were throwing candy wrappers out the window. At the next red light, I put my car in park, stormed up to the driver's window, and proceeded to strongly suggest they NOT throw garbage on to the street. They were extremely shocked! I actually felt kind of bad about upsetting the nice-looking group of young men and women who were clearly on their way to work.

Would it have been better to just ignore them? Or was I right to draw their attention to their anti-social behaviour?

Sincerely, Ellen.

Dear Ellen,

Okay, yes, I'm the Ellen who wrote that letter — the reason being that I feel strongly about littering and I simply cannot trust that a reader will bring up the subject eventually, or ever. It's an important topic, and I'm being completely transparent here about my agenda and my motives.

Also, the letter itself is sincere and factually accurate. I have, on occasion, gotten out of my car to remind other drivers on the road not to eject garbage from their car windows. In my expert opinion, I am perfectly within my rights to do so — I was respectful in my interaction with the litterbugs, and my actions were in keeping with the moral responsibility we all carry, which is to speak up against crimes both big and small against society rather than turn our backs on, and thus implicitly condone, destructive behaviours that hurt us all.

That being said, I do not ad-



**If they're rude or ignorant enough to litter, who knows what other distasteful or even violent tendencies they might have?**

vice any reader to follow my example. And, having thought it through, I won't do it again myself.

First of all, it probably isn't safe to leave your car running in the middle of the road in order to chase down another car for the purposes of delivering a lecture on urban etiquette. Secondly, you have no idea who these litterbugs

might be — if they're rude or ignorant enough to litter, who knows what other distasteful or even violent tendencies they might have? Thirdly, if you have passengers in your own car, it is inconsiderate, ergo rude, to abandon them in the middle of traffic, not to mention make them fear for their own safety if the litterbugs you are lecturing do tend towards violence and decide to retaliate physically.

If, however, you happen to be on foot and run into another (non-violent-looking) pedestrian who is tossing their trash willy-nilly, don't be afraid to say something. We're not talking public shaming here, just a friendly reminder that trash goes into trash bins.

### + DIRTY MONEY

**Bylaws vary by community and what you're dumping, but littering is illegal everywhere. See how much a careless toss can set you back in cities across the country:**

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## Pay your own way on dates: It's the feminist thing to do



**Genna Buck**  
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Every time I think we finally live in a progressive utopia, I see something like this Facebook post, from a female friend:

"Just went on a first date. A blind date. And had to pay. For both of us." The comments: "No more dates for that guy," "Uhhh winner!"

I find this attitude bratty, sexist and out of date. Think of how much paying for dates — even only first dates — adds up over a man's lifetime. It's only fair that ladies pay once in a while. With a few exceptions (if you suggest somewhere fancy, you pay), going Dutch should be the default.

To be clear: I'm talking about dating here. Treating your long-term partner once in a while is lovely. But by that time, you're making financial decisions as a de facto family unit. I'm also being a tad heteronormative (with same-sex dating, I'm told it's more common to split the bill).

I asked my date the other day what he'd do if a woman he was seeing never paid. He said he'd never ask, but simmer with resentment and eventually dump her. Seems time to break the taboo and communicate about money.

Conventionally, the asker pays. But if you meet online or on a dance floor and have been texting for a while, how do you even know who asked?

The lad mag Ask Men advises, "Make the first move when the bill comes. This goes not just for the first date,

but the early stages of the relationship. It indicates you're responsible. Women like that."

There's no argument for men paying that doesn't boil down to sexist garbage: "It makes me feel special" (work on your self-confidence), "It shows he's serious" (try asking if he's serious) and "I deserve to be treated" (the world doesn't owe you, princess).

Several male friends I asked said whoever's the least broke should pay — fair, though impractical. But a couple said a girl who asks to split is trying to make things non-romantic.

Getting treated's not romantic. This tradition didn't evolve because of chivalry. Now the gender wage gap is narrowing for professionals without kids, but historically women didn't have their own money.

Yet nothing was free. Having your meal paid for sets up a dynamic. You get a gift, and give something in return: your time, attention or more. It's a form of social control, though most men wouldn't see it that way. They're just being nice and following norms.

Paying your way signals you're there because you want to be. Being assertive about this can be hard. So say, "I always pay my share. It's important to me." Call it a political stance. You don't want to be with someone who doesn't respect your views anyways.

So do your part to change the culture. Next time you're catching a server's eye, think of the feminists who fought for your right to men's problems — work drama, combat wounds, and now, paying for dates. Then reach for your purse.

Rosemary Westwood will return Monday

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# Seven classics, revisited

## SEQUELS

### To Kill a Mockingbird isn't the only classic to get a Part Two

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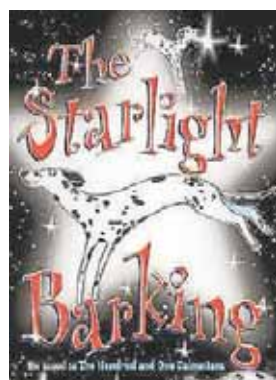
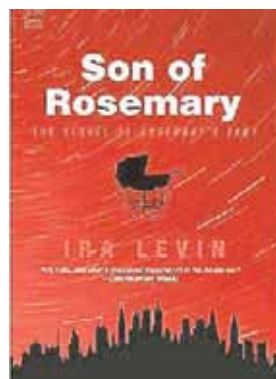
With Harper's Lee's *Go Set a Watchman* hitting shelves, we've rounded up sequels to some of the most popular reads of the last two centuries

#### Son of Rosemary by Ira Levin

After 26 years in a coma caused by the Castelevets' Satanic coven, Rosemary awakens to find that her son Adrian is now an adult trying to do good in the world, despite his evil origins. The reunion turns sinister when she learns Adrian might not be able to help who he is and the human race could be doomed.

#### The Starlight Barking by Dodie Smith

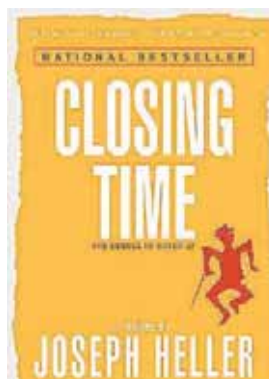
This sequel puts a sci-fi spin on the classic tale of an English couple and their 101 Dalmatians. When every human on Earth suddenly falls into a deep sleep, Dalmatians Pongo and Missus — along with the Prime Minister's dog Cadpig and other canines across London — must gather to discuss what to do. They are joined by



an extraterrestrial dog who attempts to help by giving them an otherworldly option.

#### Closing Time by Joseph Heller

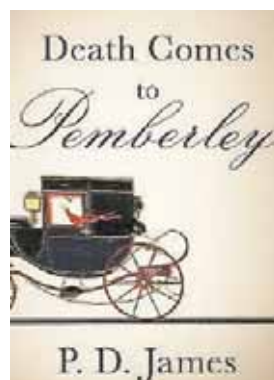
Fifty years after *Catch-22*, *Closing Time* finds protagonist Yossarian as an older man at the end of his life in Manhattan. Readers can expect another stint in the hospital. Yossar-



ian now working for Milo Minderbinder, Chaplain Tappan making an appearance, underground tunnels and a lot of talk of death.

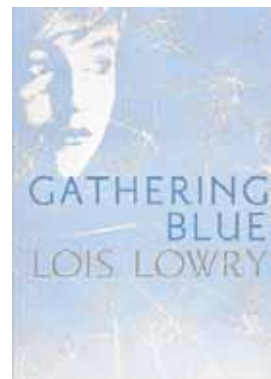
#### Little Men by Louisa May Alcott

Set after *Little Women*, *Little Men* follows second eldest sister Jo and her husband Friedrich Bhaer as they run a school



for boys at the Plumfield estate. We're introduced to students, among them orphans, street youth, Jo's sons Rob and Teddy and members of the Bhaer family, and follow their interactions with each other and the world over the course of six months.

#### That Was Then, This Is Now by S.E. Hinton



This unofficial sequel to *The Outsiders* also takes place in Tulsa, Okla. and features characters from the first book. Brothers Bryon and Mark feel a strain in their relationship when they must find money for their mother's medical bills on top of dealing with girlfriends and local gangs.

#### Gathering Blue by Lois Lowry

Lois Lowry's middle school classic *The Giver* is actually the first of a quartet. Each follows a character connected to *The Giver*'s Jonas. All live in villages in the same dystopian world. While all possess unique abilities, from embroidery to mind reading, it is ultimately their interactions that encourage a move to a safer community.

#### Death Comes to Pemberley by P.D. James

Although not written by Jane

## + ON SHELVES

### Harper Lee book gets mixed reviews

• Harper Lee's second novel flew out of stores Tuesday in one of the most eagerly anticipated book releases in modern publishing history.



• Lee's only previous novel is considered a 20th Century classic that defined racial injustice in the Depression-era South of the U.S. and became standard reading in classrooms across the world.

• But many Lee fans have been hurt, embarrassed and even angered that Scout's adored father Atticus has turned into a bigot, a fall from grace for one of America's most loved literary heroes. AFP

Austen, this murder-mystery followup was widely enjoyed and praised upon its release. Taking place six years after *Pride and Prejudice*, on the night of an annual ball, a family member of the Darcys and the Bingleys is killed on Pemberley grounds. The group must find out who present did it and why.

Weeknights at 6 Hannah counts down the HOTTEST songs of the day.

**TOP SIX@6 LAST NIGHT:**

- 6 Nicki Minaj: The Night Is Still Young
- 5 Shawn Mendes: Stitches
- 4 Fifth Harmony ft. Kid Ink: Worth It
- 3 Major Lazer ft. DJ Snake and Mo'Nique: Lean On
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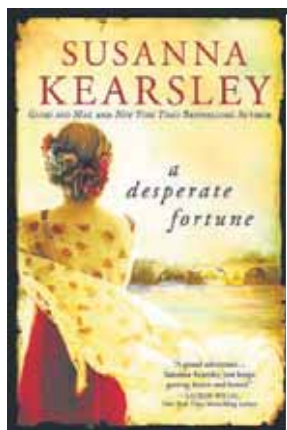
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# Author bears a passport to history



Susanna Kearsley blends well-researched history with her own personal experiences to invoke a positive portrayal of a character living with Asperger syndrome in her new novel, *A Desperate Fortune*. CONTRIBUTED

## A DESPERATE FORTUNE

### Author weaves story through travel, in-depth research

#### BOOKWORM

Sue Carter



When Susanna Kearsley writes, she describes the experience as if she has a film playing in her head.

"I'm on the main character's shoulder and I'm following along like a camera. I see what they see and I write down what they say," she says. "A lot of times the characters won't start talking until I'm standing on the spot where the characters are talking."

Those characters' words have filled Kearsley's passport with stamps from the U.K., Italy and other European locales. For her latest historical time-shifting caper, *A Desperate Fortune*, published by Simon & Schuster Canada, Kearsley bunked down at a gorgeous mid-1800s guest house just outside Paris. The chateau inspired the residence of the book's protagonist, Sara Thomas, a computer programmer turned amateur code-cracker, who is hired to decipher a 300-year-old journal from Mary Dundas, an exiled Scot-

tish Jacobite who becomes involved in a dangerous plan to smuggle a lead figure of the political movement to Rome.

While Kearsley's 12 novels (including a thriller written under the pseudonym Emma Cole) are popular for their signature mix of irresistible romance, mystery and adventure, the New York Times' bestselling author is equally noted for her research and strong attention to historical accuracy.

During her travels, she studies every detail, from public transit to the smell of the air.

"The research for me is a constant really happy rabbit hole that I go down on a daily basis," she says. "You have to get the lives of the present-day people right as well, especially if it's set in a country where you're not living. You have to make sure the details are accurate, that the landscapes you're moving them through are accurate and that the jobs of the people are accurate."

It was a lesson that Kearsley took from her position as curator of a Canadian village museum, where at 22 years old, it was her job to interpret the lives of past generations.

"I try to make the past something that modern people can step into and can experience and know in a way that we can't always get out of strictly historical non-fiction. We tend to forget that people haven't changed that much. It's the or-

inary lives I like to get into."

One of Kearsley's biggest — and most personal — challenges for *A Desperate Fortune* was to get Sara correct.

Diagnosed with Asperger syndrome as a teen, the character finds numbers soothing but experiences difficulties in many of her relationships. Kearsley drew on the experiences of her own family members with Asperger's, who acted like fact-checkers for the storyline.

"It was important for me to get that as right as possible because you don't see a lot of positive portrayals with people with Asperger's," says Kearsley. "Very often they end up being the punchline or the comic person around whom the plot evolves. I wanted to show someone who is a more accurate reflection of my own Aspies. Someone who is very competent, very intelligent; has a few challenges but is capable of having a good, relatively normal life."

Although Kearsley says, "research fuels the book and the book fuels the research," ultimately she doesn't feel the book is successful unless there's an underlying humanity.

"You want the reader to walk away having cared about the people, and maybe learned a little about the past and feel a little more connected and have it not be a place filled with starchy people you don't understand," Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.



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## COMIC-CON

## Eisenberg elaborates



Jesse Eisenberg. GETTY IMAGES

The *Social Network* star Jesse Eisenberg has raised more than a few eyebrows with his not-too-nice analogy for his experience of attending Comic-Con last week.

"It is like being screamed at by thousands of people," he told the Huffington Post. "I don't know what the experience is throughout history, probably some kind of genocide. I can't think of anything that's equivalent."

Yikes. But don't worry, the comments have attracted enough attention that Eisenberg has had a chance to clear up any confusion, telling the *Hollywood Reporter*, "I of course was using hyperbole to describe the sensory overload I experienced. I sometimes do employ that."

Well, sure. Why not? "I'm a normal person who has normal sensory experiences, so Comic-Con was very overwhelming for me. That said, it was really an honour to be on that end of such jubilation." So, all good now? NED EHRBAR/METRO

# Baby news shocks fans



One Direction fans dismayed by report Louis Tomlinson to be a father. GETTY IMAGES

## ONE DIRECTION

## Tomlinson of One Direction announces he will be a dad

One Direction fans reacted with dismay Wednesday to a report that band member Louis Tomlinson is to become a father.

Publicist Simon Jones declined to comment on a *People* magazine report saying 23-year-old Tomlinson is ex-

pecting a child with American stylist Briana Jungwirth.

Fans responded on Twitter using the hashtag #OhNoLouis, and one wrote a song called No Birth Control teasing the boy band star. On the streets of London, reaction ranged from shock to disbelief.

"Is it an accident?" asked 16-year-old Australian fan Tara Kay. "That's crazy."

Clara Foxonet, a 16-year-old fan from France, refused to believe it. "It can't be real! It's not possible," she said. Australian fan Kiri Deane-Spread Speir, 17, said the news was "a shock. But I am not going to get angry ... If he is happy, I am happy."

And 18-year-old

Solveig Diers from Germany wondered how the news would affect the band's carefree image and its popularity with teen and preteen girls.

"It doesn't fit into their perfect picture of a boy group," she said.

The chart-topping British band was formed in 2010 after five teenagers — Tomlinson, Harry Styles, Liam Payne, Niall Horan and Zayn Malik — auditioned individually for the British TV talent show *The X Factor*. Simon Cowell had the idea of putting them together as a boy band.

Malik quit the group earlier this year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## + SEAL OF APPROVAL; ARMED ROBBERY

## You wear it well

Rod Stewart says he's angry an image of him wearing a seal-skin coat is being used to support the industry.

The musician was in St. John's, N.L., to play a concert and stopped into a store to pick up capes for some of his crew. A message posted on his Facebook page says the shop's owner asked if he would pose for a photo in the jacket. The post says Stewart regrets he didn't check what the jacket was made of and is upset the photo is being used as an advertisement for an industry he does not support.

Darren Halloran of the store *Always in Vogue* says Stewart and his entourage were informed and it's possible he wasn't aware of the politics surrounding the seal industry. Halloran says he's sorry Stewart is getting some criticism. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Chris Brown home invasion

Three armed men in masks forced their way into a Los Angeles home owned by Chris Brown, locked the R&B singer's aunt in a closet and then ransacked the place for valuables, police said.

Brown was not at the home during the robbery which happened around 2 a.m. Wednesday, Officer Liliana Preciado said. The suspects got away with an unknown amount of cash, electronics and personal items, she said. Brown's aunt was not hurt.

Investigators have not released descriptions of the suspects, who were armed with handguns and wore bandanas around their faces, police said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



## KARDASHIAN

## Kim acts pregnant

Maybe it doesn't count as news that Kim Kardashian is being more than a little demanding while pregnant.

I mean, this is Kim Kardashian we're talking about. But apparently, even though she's not the most reasonable person on a normal day and has already been pregnant, this one is really standing out.

"She's started requesting that a chair be on hand at all times in case she gets tired of standing. She's also requesting to only fly private so she can have room to sprawl out — and because she doesn't want others around," a source tells

In Touch.



Kim Kardashian. GETTY IMAGES

"She also has designer clothing custom-tailored — even jeans — to fit her pregnant body and make her look her best. She's really going to extremes this time." Sounds delightful.

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## What they're asking



When families outgrow inner-city condos, the next step is to seek a single-family dwelling. Townhomes or bungalows in the suburbs are a popular option. Here's a selection of three-bedroom modern bungalows outside the city core. **Duncan McAllister** FOR METRO



**\$1,090,000**

### Halifax

This rancher-style home is on a waterfront lot at 80 Joan Elizabeth Way at Sandy Point Estates. This custom-built home boasts plenty of natural light and high-end features, plus an open-concept layout, highlighted by exotic hardwood and slate tile throughout. There's a cherrywood kitchen with granite counters and built-in appliances. The great room has an air-tight, wood-burning fireplace and great views of the water. The master bedroom has a five-piece marble ensuite. Listing agent is Thomas Bagogloo with Re/Max Nova, 902-830-9006.



**\$889,900**

### Calgary

You can buy this estate bungalow at 543 Lake Moraine, in one of Calgary's most desirable districts. The home has been updated overall, and includes an open kitchen with quality cabinets, granite countertops, double ovens and a gas stove. The property has a south-west rear exposure along with a mature, park-like yard. The home is just a short walk away from the lake, an arena, schools, and the Lake Bonavista Mall. Listing agent is Jim S. Ashe, an associate with Re/Max First brokerage, 403-278-2900.



**\$1,249,000**

### Toronto

Here's a special home in the Wentworth community in West Lansing. This double-brick, fully insulated home at 284 Burnett Ave. boasts a double garage, a huge master suite with a renovated bathroom, heated floors and a walk-in closet. The bright, open living areas include a modern kitchen with granite bar and new, stainless-steel appliances. Outside is a fenced-in pool and maintenance-free lawn. The property is close to a public school and the subway. Listing agent is Ora Ross with The Mulholland Ross Team, 416-230-8500.



**\$399,900**

### Ottawa

Here's a contemporary, brick-built property at 14 Rayburn St., in the Morgan's Grant community. The home sits on a quiet street, close to all amenities. The main level offers nine-foot ceilings, a large living room and dining room, a spacious kitchen with plenty of counter space, and a good-sized eating area. There's main-floor laundry and a master bedroom with walk-in closet and ensuite. The finished lower level contains a den and rec room. Listing agent is Geoff McGowan with Re/Max Affiliates Brokerage, 613-216-1755.



**\$564,900**

### Winnipeg

This 1,670 sq. ft. home at 8 Fieldberry Way shows what you can get in the upscale neighbourhood of East St. Paul. Listing agent Lynne Couture says it's a stunning property, and that it's tough to get into the Prichard Farms area for less than \$600,000. The great room features a gas fireplace and panoramic windows, and the eat-in kitchen has wood cabinetry, solid surface countertops and plenty of cooking space. The finished basement has a wet bar and entertainment area. Couture is with Ethos Realty, 204-997-0867.



**\$579,900**

### Edmonton

Here's an example of a custom-built bungalow on a quiet street at 8807-207 St. The home features a chef's kitchen with walnut cabinetry, stainless-steel appliances and granite countertops. Outside is a fully fenced-in yard, complete with a large composite deck, and a heated, double-attached garage. The basement has a huge rec room. There are two bedrooms, a three-piece bath and another room that needs a ceiling and flooring to finish it as the third bedroom. Listing agent is Ryan Dutka with Re/Max River City, 780-988-0001.



**\$705,000**

### Vancouver

Modern bungalows aren't very common in B.C. Here's a nice one in the Fraser Heights neighbourhood of North Surrey. This rancher-style home at 10586 Glenwood Dr. N. sold at press time for \$705,000. Listing agent Michael Quesnel says it's a charming home on a really great street. The house has vaulted ceilings, a three-bedroom, three-bathroom layout, and more than 2,000 sq. ft. on a level lot. Outdoors is a covered living space, fenced-in yard and a garage. Quesnel is with Royal LePage Sussex, West Vancouver, 604-925-2911.





**Sleek, Asian-inspired metal drawer pulls adorn a master bathroom.** SARAH DORIO/BURNHAM DESIGN  
VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Small items, big impact

### DECOR

### Pulls, handles are like jewelry to accessorize style of a room

It's a small thing, often overlooked amid major items such as furniture and paint colours when you're decorating a room. But don't underestimate the power of household hardware.

These small items — handles, doorknobs, drawer pulls, — are “the jewelry” that can add style and sparkle to any space, says New York-based interior designer Young Huh.

Just as the right necklace can turn a simple dress into a fashion statement, a striking new set of knobs on an old cabinet, or vintage crystal doorknobs can bring a huge dose of style to your home with minimal expense, she says.

One of the most popular styles now is lacquered or aged brass.

“Ten years ago,” Huh says, “it was all about nickel: brushed nickel, shiny nickel. Now it's the resurgence of brass.”

Designers are using “bold tones, and things that look worn,” she says, by installing unlacquered brass that tarnishes over the course of a year, or paying extra for “pre-antiqued” brass that already

has a colourful patina.

Interior-design expert Brian Patrick Flynn uses a lot of brass, especially “satin or antique finishes, because they're more sophisticated and less formal than polished, glossy styles.”

In addition, “a newer option I'm seeing and totally love is matte black hardware,” he says. “This is excellent for modern kitchens or for adding dark contrast to an otherwise light and bright space. The matte finish helps camouflage any scratches or smudges you'd deal with on glossy black pulls and knobs.”

Another dramatic favourite of Flynn's: unlacquered iron.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# How to nail it with home art

### DESIGN CENTRE

Karl Lohnes



Make every room a gallery with these tips — in no time, you'll be hanging framed works like a pro

**Q: I just moved into a condo and want to start hanging photos, art and mirrors on the walls of the bedroom, den and hallway. Are there any guidelines to arranging? I like the collage effect but not sure where to begin.** — Carole, Toronto

**A:** Here are my Top 20 rules for hanging art and mirrors throughout the home:

### BEDROOMS

1. The overall size of art over a bed should be 2/3 the width of the headboard.
2. The bottom of the art should be hung 6 inches above a tall headboard and about 10-12 inches above a low headboard.
3. Hang art over the nightstands at a different height to the art hung over the headboard; the bottom of the art should be about 12 inches above the top of the nightstand.
4. Consider a large or tall decorative mirror and also use it as a dressing mirror.
5. Art should follow the shape of the top of your headboard.



**Hanging art over a large piece of furniture? Make sure the art is about 2/3 the width of the furniture and the bottom of the art hangs 6-10 inches from the top of the piece.** CRATE AND BARREL

### HALLWAYS

6. If hanging artwork gallery-style in a hall, the middle of the art should hang 66 inches from the floor.
7. No need to hang a different-sized art so the bottoms all line up evenly; centre each piece 66 inches from the floor.
8. To create a collage, arrange the large/heaviest piece in the middle and the smallest outward.
9. Look at the wall space between two doorways. If it's more vertical, then stack artwork vertically in that space.
10. Hang a large floor mirror opposite a doorway to make the hall appear wider at that point.
11. Track-style lighting (directed at art on side walls of a hall) will draw your eyes to the art and make the hallway look wider.

### LIVING ROOM

12. The bottom of artwork or mirrors hung over a fireplace should be 3-6 inches above the top of the mantel.
13. Have little wall space in your floor-to-ceiling condo? Consider using an artist easel to display art in the corners.
14. Artwork over a sofa should fill 2/3 of the sofa's width.
15. Hang personal photos and memorabilia in more private areas, such as bedroom and dens.

### DOs AND DON'Ts

16. DO hang artwork low. The lower you hang art, the higher ceilings will appear.
17. DO NOT hang art in relationship to tall ceilings in your home — always hang in relationship the floor.
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Halifax's Ellie Black performs her floor routine in Toronto on Wednesday. MARTA IWANEK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## Halifax heroine: Black gold again

### PAN AM 2015

#### Star gymnast takes medal tally to five

It took just five days of competition at the 2015 Pan American Games for Canada to eclipse its gold-medal total from four years ago.

Canadian athletes won six more gold medals in Wednesday's morning and afternoon events, giving the host nation 31 overall.

Canada won 30 gold medals total over 16 days at the 2011 Games in Guadalajara, Mexico.

Halifax gymnast Ellie Black and Canada's rowing team contributed multiple gold medals Wednesday, while Calgary shooter Lynda Kiejko won her second gold of the Games.

Black won gold in the women's balance-beam competition and in the floor exercise, giving her

five medals in five events.

Black nailed her balance-beam routine with a score of 15.050 at the highest difficulty level. After her floor exercise routine that got her a score of 14.400, she blew kisses to the crowd at Toronto Coliseum as fans roared and waved Canadian flags.

Earlier in the Games, the 19-year-old won gold in the all-around, bronze in the vault and earned silver in the team event.

"The support here has been amazing," Black said. "I was so proud of our team coming in silver, and individually in my finals I was not expecting half of this. So thank you to everyone."

Canada earned a medal in four of five races, including three gold, on the final day of rowing competition at the Royal Canadian Henley course in St. Catharines,

Ont. The men's lightweight coxless fours, the men's eight and the women's quadruple sculls all topped the podium, while Rob Gibson of Kingston, Ont., added a silver in men's single sculls.

The men's eights led from start to finish, finishing three seconds ahead of Argentina with a time of six minutes 7.01 seconds.

The eights crew included all four members of the gold-medal-winning men's coxless four from earlier in the meet.

Kiejko swept the women's pistol events with a win in the women's 25 metres.

The Calgary native beat Sandra Uptagrafft 7-3 in the final round to earn Canada's third shooting gold of the Games.

Kiejko also won gold in the women's 10-metre air pistol on Sunday.

**“This was more than I expected. This has been incredible.”**

Ellie Black

## Owning the podium



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**Around the Toronto area.** In addition to Ellie Black's gold-medal double on Wednesday, Canada also topped the podium in women's quad sculls, from top, women's 25-metre pistol, men's lightweight four and men's eights rowing. Go to [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca) for more coverage of the Pan Am Games.



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# Kesler at home in Anaheim

NHL

## Centre's delight as Ducks offer him six-year, \$41m deal

Centre Ryan Kesler got comfortable quickly with the Anaheim Ducks, and the club let him know the feeling is definitely mutual.

The veteran centre agreed to a six-year, \$41.25 million US contract extension with the Ducks on Wednesday, cementing a long-term commitment after just one season together.

"I definitely feel a part of the core group now," Kesler said. "They wanted me, and I wanted to stay." Kesler had 20 goals, 27 assists and 75 penalty minutes last year in Anaheim after spending his first nine NHL seasons with the Vancouver Canucks. The hard-nosed U.S. Olympian filled a key role as the Ducks' second-line centre while matching up defensively against many teams' top scorers.

Kesler also had seven goals and six assists in a standout play-off effort as the three-time Pacific Division champion Ducks fell one game short of the Stanley Cup Final, losing to Chicago in the Western Conference finals.

"That dressing room is so close, and we hold ourselves to

the highest standard," Kesler said. "That group is not satisfied until we win a Stanley Cup. When we do win that Stanley Cup, I don't think we'll be satisfied then, either."

"We're going to want another one. We were one game away from going to the final, and that experience will help us next year."

Kesler has one year left on his current contract. His new deal has an average annual value of \$6.875 million and extends through the 2021-22 season, when he will be 37 years old — not that he's counting.

"This isn't my last contract," Kesler said. "I want another one after this. Right now."

The deal still provides extraordinary long-term security for a player in his 30s, but the Ducks are banking on Kesler being a key part of their near future as they attempt to breach the final barriers to the franchise's second championship. Anaheim was on the brink last season, but lost the last two games of the conference finals to the eventual champion Blackhawks. "We needed a killer instinct in Game 6," Kesler said of the Ducks' first potential elimination game, a blowout loss in Chicago. "We didn't have it. There are two ways we can go about it: We can sulk about it, or we can learn from it. ... That's not going to happen again."

Kesler is eager to resume his connection with Kevin Bieksa, his former roommate and the longtime Canucks defenceman acquired by the Ducks last month.

Bieksa is the biggest off-season addition to the Ducks, who shuffled their lineup significantly despite their success.

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**I definitely feel a part of the core group now.**

Ryan Kesler

## + DONE DEALS

### Schultz staying on Oilers

Justin Schultz and the Edmonton Oilers have settled on a \$3.9 million US, one-year contract. Restricted free agent Schultz earned his second straight one-year deal.

The 25-year-old has been considered a big piece of the Oilers' future, and the pressure remains for him to grow into a top-four mainstay. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Dallas snaps up Oduya

Johnny Oduya watch is over. The veteran defenceman has signed a \$7.5-million US, two-year contract with the Dallas Stars.

The two-time Stanley Cup-winner with the Chicago Blackhawks was considered among the best free agents available.

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### Rangers re-sign McIlrath

The New York Rangers have re-signed restricted free agent defenceman Dylan McIlrath.

McIlrath had six goals and 11 assists in 73 games with the Hartford Wolf Pack (AHL) last season.

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Anaheim also acquired forwards Carl Hagelin, Shawn Horcoff and Chris Stewart, while defencemen Francois Beauchemin and forwards Matt Beleskey, Emerson Etem and Kyle Palmieri all departed.

Kesler's long-term deal se-



Anaheim Ducks' centre Ryan Kesler scored 20 goals last season and was rewarded with a new deal. JEFF GROSS/GETTY IMAGES

cures a key component of the Ducks' future, but general manager Bob Murray has more work to do with the Ducks' restricted free agents.

Restricted free agent forward Jakob Silfverberg, Kesler's once-and-future linemate, is nego-

tiating a long-term contract. Goalie Frederik Andersen, centre Rickard Rakell and defencemen Hampus Lindholm, Sami Vatanen and Simon Despres all could be restricted free agents next summer.

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TOUR DE FRANCE

## Leader Froome calls for testing

Tour de France leader Chris Froome understands those who harbour doubts about his dominant performances in a sport long marred by doping. Maybe, he says, it's time to bring in an independent specialist to test his body and help prove that he's riding clean.

The 30-year-old Briton cruised through a second day in the Pyrenees mountains on Wednesday, finishing more than five minutes behind Stage 11 winner Rafal Majka of Poland but keeping his main rivals in check.

The bumpy, gruelling ride under a hot sun came a day after Froome blew away the pack, prompting new suspicions about doping. Ironically, it came as Lance Armstrong — who was stripped of seven consecutive Tour titles — was to return to French roads nearby, even though he's persona non grata at the Tour de France.

Armstrong was to take part in charity rides Thursday and Friday. Froome brushed off Armstrong's visit as a "non-event", noting that "he's not on the start line with us."

However, Armstrong's presence is a reminder that any Tour leader can expect to come under at least some suspicion. To deal with that, Froome is willing to take testing even further. "I'm open-minded to potentially doing some physiological testing at some point after the Tour, or at whatever point suits," the Briton said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA

## League salaries are bigger than ever

To understand how the business model of NBA salaries is unlike ever before, consider the cases of Reggie Jackson, Khris Middleton and DeMarre Carroll.

They're not All-Stars. They're not exactly household names, either.

Nonetheless, the trio got a combined \$210 million in deals this summer: Jackson got \$80 million over five years from the Detroit Pistons, Middleton a five-year, \$70 million deal to stay with the Milwaukee Bucks, and Carroll a four-year contract worth nearly \$60 million to join the Toronto Raptors.

Only a couple years ago, such

deals would have been considered baffling. These days, they seem quite fair. "The numbers you hear out there, they

seem crazy to think about," Miami Heat centre Hassan Whiteside said.

It's hard to fathom that a league that dealt with serious labour strife four years ago and might be looking at another work stoppage in a couple years is about to become flush with so much cash. "We're continuing to study how our system is absorbing the money," said NBA Commissioner Adam Silver.

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**\$80m**

The deal Reggie Jackson acquired recently for Detroit. Bearing in mind that Jackson is not a true NBA star.

## ≡ NFL DEALS IN BRIEF

### Source: Contract brings end to Bryant's Dallas drama

A person close to the negotiations says Dez Bryant has agreed to a five-year, \$70 million contract with the Dallas Cowboys.

The deal with the All-Pro receiver broke a stalemate that lasted months, and ended about an hour before the Wednesday deadline to get a multiyear deal done. Bryant had threatened to skip training camp and regular-season games without a new contract. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Broncos tie down Demaryius

Wide receiver Demaryius Thomas has signed a five-year \$70 million contract with the Denver Broncos just before the deadline for NFL players who had franchise tags to sign

long-term deals.

The contract is the biggest in franchise history, and includes \$43.5 million guaranteed. Of that, \$35 million is guaranteed over the first two seasons.

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### KC's Houston makes history

The Kansas City Chiefs' defensive star Justin Houston took a big gamble by playing out the final year of his rookie contract after failing to agree on terms with the club for an extension deal.

The Chiefs rewarded their standout pass rusher handsomely on Wednesday. The team and Houston agreed to a six-year, \$101 million contract that made the All-Pro the highest-paid linebacker in NFL history.

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NFL

## No Giants deal for injured Pierre-Paul

A person close to the negotiations says defensive end Jason Pierre-Paul did not get a new long-term contract deal from the New York Giants ahead of a deadline for players who have franchise tags.

The lack of a deal by the Wednesday deadline is not surprising considering Pierre-Paul's status has been uncertain since he reportedly had a finger amputated after a fireworks accident July 4.

The person spoke Wednesday on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss Pierre-Paul's contract situation. The person says the team has not rescinded its \$14.8 million franchise tag offer.

If the Giants rescind the contract tender offer, the 26-year-old would become an unrestricted



Jason Pierre-Paul

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free agent.

Pierre-Paul's agent, Eugene Parker, has not responded to several requests for comment.

Pierre-Paul broke out in 2011, posting 16-1/2 sacks and playing a key role in the Giants winning the Super Bowl. Pierre-Paul has 42 career sacks, including 12-1/2 last season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



## RECIPE Barbecue Chicken Sandwiches with Cider Coleslaw



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Prep time: 15 minutes

### Ingredients

- 1 cup barbecue sauce, heated
- 4 cups diced cooked chicken, leftover or rotisserie
- 1/3 cup diced green onions
- 3 Tbsp chopped cilantro or parsley
- 3 cups packaged coleslaw mixture
- 1/4 cup light mayonnaise
- 2 Tbsp apple cider vinegar
- 6 hamburger buns, toasted

- 6 pieces romaine lettuce
- 6 slices tomato

### Directions

**1.** Combine hot BBQ sauce, chicken, green onions and cilantro in a bowl.

**2.** Separately, combine coleslaw, mayonnaise and vinegar in a bowl.

**3.** Place lettuce and tomato on bottom of buns. Divide chicken mixture over top and then coleslaw.

### Nutrition per serving

- Calories 301
- Protein 32.5 g
- Carbohydrates 47 g
- Fat 4.1 g
- Saturated fat 0.3 g
- Cholesterol 44 mg
- Sodium 698 mg
- Fibre 7 g

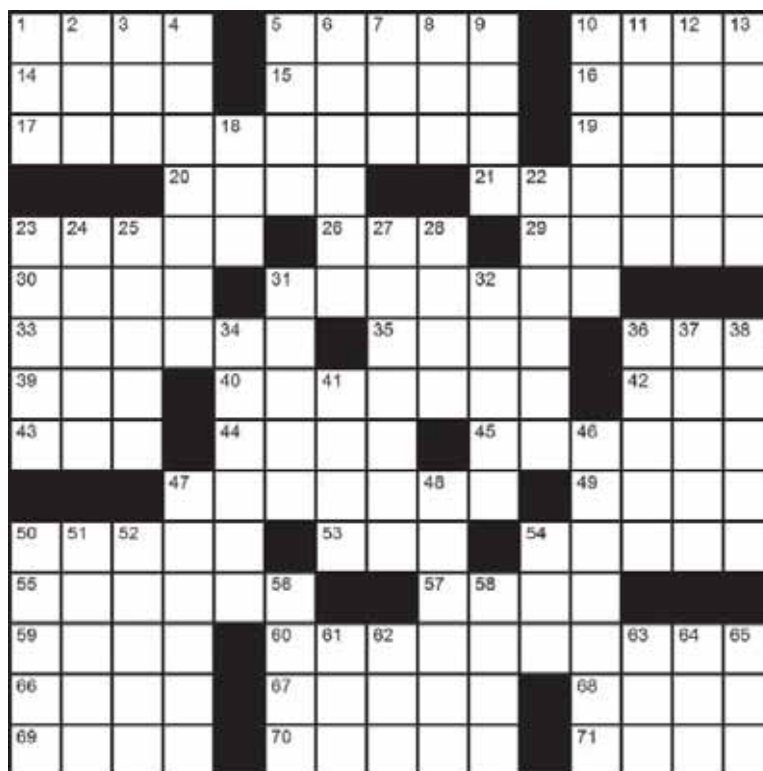
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## CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

### ACROSS

- Gold (Canadian brand of pretzels since 1917)
- Singer known for her numbered albums
- Outfit
- Cream-filled cookie
- Red carpet cars
- Away from the wind, at sea
- Party mix pieces: 2 wds.
- Lemon's friend
- Slacken
- Cream-filled pastry
- Sculptor of ancient Athens known for the Discus Thrower
- Bar drink
- Party givers
- Hairdo
- "Hurdy Gurdy Man" singer
- Hearty laugh
- Shades
- Morn's follower
- Gwen's "Rich Girl" collaborator
- Rebels/rule breakers
- Former bird of New Zealand
- "Ballad" suffix
- Thaw
- The \_\_: Canadian punk band known for "New York City"
- Type of grill
- Burden
- Bustling
- The Guess \_\_
- Literary genre
- Billy's beard?
- Canadian comedian Caroline
- Long-range



- weapon, commonly
- Canadian invented kitchen gadget to zest oranges, grate garlic, etc.
- Bug type
- Rarified fluid in the veins of ancient Greek gods

- Prime Minister William \_\_ Mackenzie King (b.1874 - d.1950)
- Fork-tailed sea bird
- "You \_\_" by Alanis Morissette
- Archery bow trees

### DOWN

- Steal
- Parry Sound, Ontario-born hockey legend Bobby
- Grazing grass-land
- Fall asleep: 2 wds.
- Shakespeare's \_\_ Well

- That Ends Well
- Money, informally
- Flightless flapper
- Batch
- Latin 'being'
- Gas quantity
- Old Jennifer Garner series
- Send payment

- Labatt products
- Canadian singer/songwriter Mr. Tyson
- Ballerina's gliding step
- The Cremation of Sam \_\_ (Yukon-set poem by Robert Service)
- James Taylor hit: "Got a Friend"
- More abundant
- Disconnect the trailer from the car
- Grimace
- Dork
- Rigoletto opera composer
- Like, as a work of art
- \_\_ acid
- Concentrate
- Cup, in a Montreal restaurant
- Imperfection
- Respectably/virtuously
- Bret "The \_\_" Hart, Canadian wrestling legend
- Shriek-inducing film genre
- Don't look \_\_ horse in the mouth
- Architectural base
- Southern Alberta town
- Sprightliness
- Early film/dom's Mr. Jannings
- Highway honker
- Frozen stuff
- Pussycat Dolls hit: "Don't \_\_"
- Pirate's positive
- This moment
- Nav. rank

## IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
Forget about the past, it is over and done with. Only the future counts and today's new moon means the future starts for you right here and right now.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
You need to come out of your shell and remind the world that you exist. Don't limit yourself to the tried and tested: the more you experiment the more likely it is you will find what you are looking for - and others will value your worth.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
The new moon indicates that if someone makes you an offer of a financial nature it is most likely on the level and should be seriously considered.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
Others may doubt that you are on the right track but with the new moon on your side you will win them over before the end of the day. This is your time of year.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
Do what makes you happy rather than what makes friends and family happy. If you don't feel like socializing or travelling or communicating over the next 24 hours, then don't.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
Do you change with the times or do you expect the times to change for you? The latter isn't going to happen, of course, so forget it and get to work on a project that will dovetail nicely with the new world you find yourself in.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
Today's new moon will give you the courage to stand up and take charge. What happens over the next 24 hours could change the working course of your life dramatically.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
Don't worry about minor matters today because it is the big picture you should be looking at now. Take an overview of what is happening, both in your personal affairs and in the world at large. What you see will surely delight you.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
Focus on what is truly important today: your long-term financial security. What you begin over the next 24 hours will pay big dividends in the not-too-distant future.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
You will have to work hard to overcome some sort of challenge today. But anyone who thinks they are tough enough to take you on and win will soon be nursing their wounds!

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
You must be pragmatic and deal with each situation as it arises and on its own terms. There is no point complaining about those who are dragging their feet or doing things the wrong way.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
Amazing things will happen for no apparent reason over the next 24 hours. The new moon is well and truly on your side. Creatively and romantically you can do no wrong.

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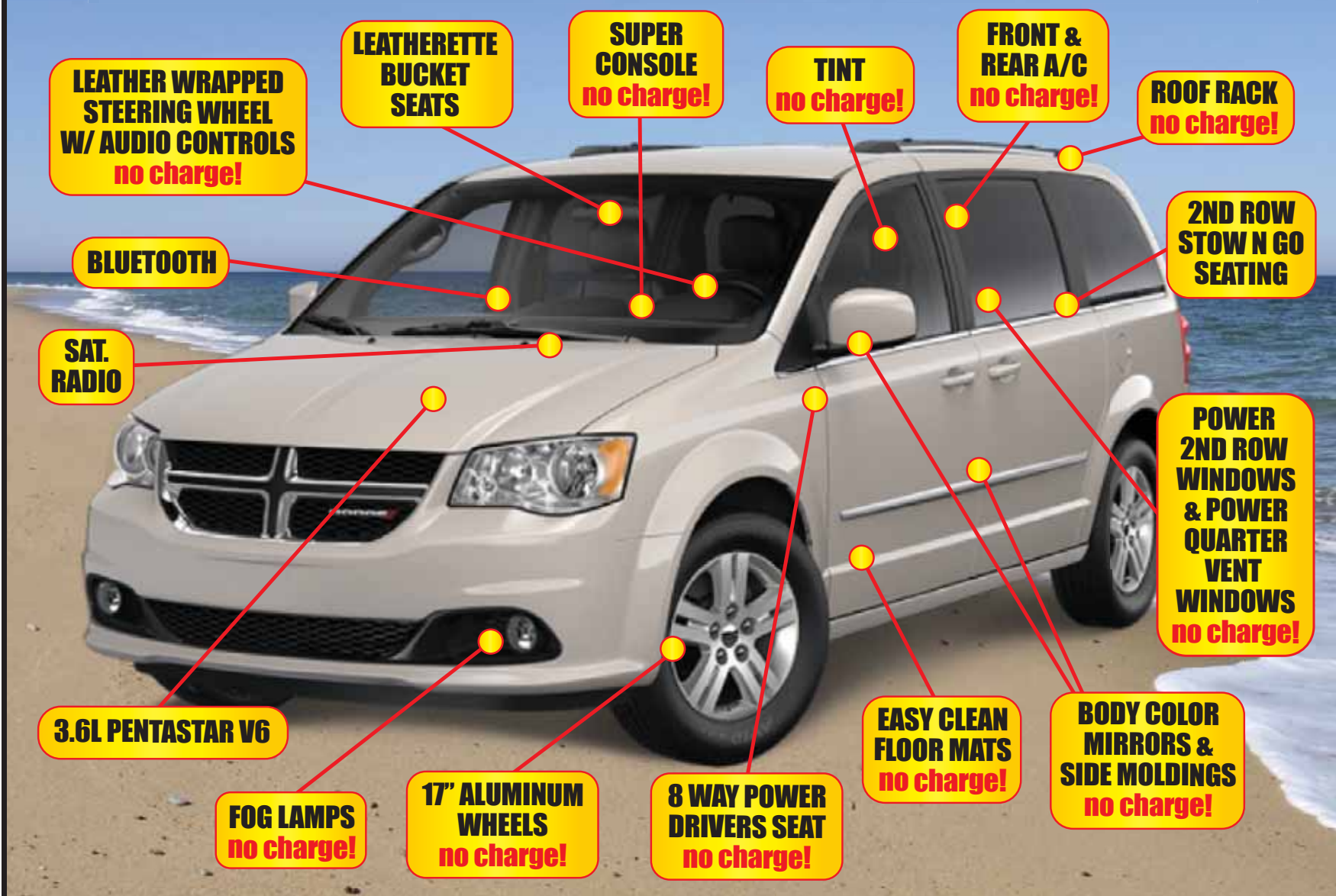


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